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Serial No. 09/899,808	Filing Date July 5, 2001	Examiner Not yet assigned	Group Art Unit 1772
Inventor(s) Price et al.			
Title of Invention REFASTENABLE ABSORBENT GARMENT			

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5 Cited References (E1-E5).

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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Respectfully submitted,

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FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

U.S. Patent Documents

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME
5,716,470	02/10/98	Belau et al.

Foreign Patent Documents

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GB 2 103 930 A	03/02/83	Great Britain
GB 2 244 422 A	12/04/91	Great Britain
GB 2 277 866 A	11/16/94	Great Britain

OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.</small>
International Search Report from corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/US02/21036, dated May 9, 2003, 11 pages.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

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Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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	E5	International Search Report from corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/US02/21036, dated May 9, 2003, 11 pages.

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